

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee
Monthly meeting minutes, March 2nd, 2020, 7:00pm
Upstairs library area

Committee members in attendance: Nick Seifert, Amanda Carlson, Anne Miller, Allen Banbury, Wes Cate, Becky Wigg

Members of the public in attendance: Diana Batzel, Rich Philips, Michael Billingsly

- Select a Facilitator
 - Nick volunteered
- Public comment
- Announcements
 - May 23 - Plainfield Hazard Mitigation meeting / Forum. Reps from VT 211, and other agencies, about how to prepare your household if you have people with chronic illness or disabilities.
 - Ride the Bus Week - Through GMT. Also in May.
 - March 14 2-4pm, at Twinfield, EV vehicle and electric bike demo, workshop and Q&A
 - March 11th, Cat Buxton talking about soil. At the Jaquith, 7:00pm
 - Becky is on the committee through April at least (when her term is up).
 - Amanda has moved to Montpelier. This is Amanda's last Energy Committee meeting.
- Approval of Previous Minutes
 - Amanda motioned to approve the minutes. Wes seconded.
 - Voted to approve.
- Business
 - Book / Movie purchases (if needed) - Not needed
 - Discussion about Marshfield / Plainfield "existential" discussion around committees / RAMP combination - 30 minutes (if we have Plainfield)
 - Agriculture and climate change series updates - 5 minutes
 - Anne commented that the attendance has been not very good. The worst attendance was for the Saturday sessions.
 - Marshfield dam discussion (if needed) - 10 min
 - Michael recapped what he stated at the last meeting. Plainfield had issued additional comments, and GMP did as well, no other parties. The hearing officer on the 10th of February came out with proposed findings, and a proposed decision. The findings are the things that he "finds true." The proposed decision is essentially a recommendation to the PUC for what to do. This was a draft. He asked for any comments on the proposed findings and recommendations.
 - The hearing officer took the position that, because of the May 2011 storm Plainfield proved there were issues, mainly that GMP was not using this event in their modeling. One recommendation was that this should happen.
 - The hearing officer did not recommend that the emergency spillway be repaired prior to the service spillway. Michael has asked that an emergency plan be created which addresses all of the lessons learned from the May 2011 event, as well as the 2018 "table top" exercise.
 - As an aside, Michael is recommending that the consulting engineers use the May 2011 data when making their judgement about if the emergency spillway should be repaired first.
 - There is one more procedure yet to come. Plainfield had requested an investigation about the issues at the dam. This was closed, based on the above PUC hearing. Plainfield may request this investigation be re-opened once the PUC hearing has been completed. This avenue won't have

the teeth that the PUC certificate of good had, but the press may have a more prominent role in this, if needed.

- Model communities / RAMP program update - 5.5 min
 - Nick gave a brief update on the weatherization effort, and the home energy visits allocated to Plainfield & Marshfield.
 - Diana & Rich gave a brief update on solar at Twinfield. The agenda item was not warned so they couldn't vote officially, but the committee did approve a straw vote in support of this. There is a subcommittee meeting on March 11th.
 - Diana mentioned there was a walk-through at the OSC from Efficiency VT.
 - Anne gave a transportation update. Anne attended the select board with Phoenix, and they agreed to have a Hitching Post™ at the OSC. Anne has volunteered the Transportation committee to perform the Launch Party for this.
 - Becky gave an update on the village centers group. As part of this work, the select board has warned for the Town Meeting to purchase two radar signs for the Cabot Rd. They are also trying to engage VTrans on the Route 2 work though the village.
 - Rich mentioned that he has asked for a speed study at the bottom of Hollister Hill Rd to change the speed limit signs around.
 - Next RAMP Transportation meeting is the 12th at 6:30pm at the Jaquith.
 - Next RAMP Energy Meeting is the 25th at 6:30pm at the Jaquith
- Town meeting update - 10
 - Wes plans to set up around 8:00 am.
 - Nick brought some items from Efficiency VT.
 - Amanda has a prize wheel to give away things from.
 - Amanda also has Capstone stuff which she'll bring.
 - Diana has some things to bring as well.
 - Diana, Amanda and West.
- Plainfield update - 10 min
- Draft agenda for next meeting
 - Select a Facilitator
 - Public comment
 - Announcements
 - Approval of Previous Minutes
 - Add new business
 - Business
 - Book / Movie purchases (if needed)
 - Discussion about Marshfield / Plainfield "existential" discussion around committees / RAMP combination
 - Also the Climate Action Team
 - New member recruitment discussion
 - Agriculture and climate change series updates
 - Marshfield dam discussion (if needed)
 - Model communities / RAMP program update
 - Town meeting update
 - Discussion of how to participate in the summer concert series
 - Plainfield update
 - Draft agenda for next meeting